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SUBJ: SYRIAN REACTION TO SINAI AGREEMENT - NOVEMBER 1 -10

1. SUMMARY: FONMIN KHADDAM STATED IN IRAN THAT SYRIA HAD REJECTED SEPARATE GOLAN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE ABANDONED PALESTINIANS. END SUMMARY.

2. DOMESTIC

NOV 4 PRIMIN AYYUBI ADDRESSED GATHERING WHICH CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AND REMINDED GUESTS THAT "WE SHALL CONTINUE STRUGGLE TO TOPPLE SINAI AGREEMENT. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN TOPPLED BUT IS HAS BEEN FROZEN BY WRATH OF ARAB NATION."

ADDRESSING OPENING SESSION OF SCIENCE WEEK NOV 8, MINHEALTH KHIAMI SAID, "OUR PEOPLE HAVE DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE FOR RECUPERATION OF OUR
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NATIONAL RIGHTS AND DESTRUCTION OF ZIONIST MYTH

WHICH CONTRADICTS ENTENTE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES,
JEW AND ARAB, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH NON-DENOMINATIONAL
PALESTINIAN STATE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL RELIGIONS.Z

SYRIAN STUDENTS UNION AT DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY
CABLED SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN OPPOSITION TO AGREEMENT.

3. FOREIGN

PRES ASAD RECEIVED CABLES CONDEMNING AGREEMENT
FROM ARAB STUDENTS IN DRESDEN, HAMBURG AND IN
POLAND. SEVENTEEN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN
MOSCOW DEPLORED AGREEMENT. ARAB POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN ROMANIA CABLED SADAT TO PROTEST AGREEMENT.

NOV 3 PRESS REPORTED FIRST SHIP CARRYING
ISRAELI CARGO PASSED THROUGH CANAL DESPITE "ANGER
OF EGYPTIAN MASSES." ISRAELI WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR
SHIP REPORTED.

PRESS REPORTED BOURGUIBA STATEMENTS TO LE MONDE
AND AL-AMAL CRITICAL OF AGREEMENT.

NOV 4 PRESS QUOTED FROM QADDUMI'S UN SPEECH
IN WHICH PLO OFFICIAL ATTACKED AGREEMENT AND U.S.
ME POLICY.

PEOPLE'S COUNCIL SPEAKER MUHAMED ALI AL-HALABI,
BAATH PARTY ASST. SEC GEN ABDULLAH AL-AHMAR, RC MEMBER
RIFA'T AL-ASAD AND NC MEMBER FADIL AL-ANSARI EXPLAINED
TO VISITING WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION
SYRIA'S OPPOSITION TO AGREEMENT, AS REPORTED BY
NOV 1-2 MEDIA.

FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK -- "AN AMERICAN ZIONIST
BANK" -- WAS REPORTED AS HAVING BEGUN OPERATIONS IN
EGYPT, ALTHOUGH IT ON BOYCOTT LIST.

NOV 3 PRESS CLAIMED ISRAELI SOURCE REVEALED
SOME AMERICAN TECHNICIANS WHO WILL WORK AT LISTENING
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POSTS IN SINAI PARTICIPATED IN VIETNAM WAR.

ITALIAN SEN LILIO PASS (PHONETIC) CRITICIZED
AGREEMENT IN KUWAIT AND ASSERTED THAT U.S. WOULD NOT
EXERT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.

NOV 5 PRESS REPORTED STATEMENT BY ABBA EBAN
LAUDING AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AS WELL AS POSITIVE

CONDUCT OF EGYPTIAN REGIME.

NOV 5 PRESS REPORTED, "IN EXECUTION OF ONE OF THE SECRET CLAUSES OF AGREEMENT, SADAT HIMSELF WILL ATTEND FUNCTION RELEASING WATERS TO ZIONIST OCCUPATION FORCES IN SINAI."

NOV 5 PRESS REPORTED AFP ARTICLE CLAIMING THAT LEBANESE CRISIS DIRECT RESULT OF SINAI AGREEMENT.

NOV 5 PRESS ALSO NOTED MEETING OF KUWAITI PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY IN WHICH LARGE NUMBER OF DEPUTIES DEPLORED AGREEMENT AND DEPUTY MASA'ID URGED SUSPENSION OF FINANCIAL SUBSIDY TO EGYPT.

NOV 9 PRESS REPORTED BRITISH SATISFACTION WITH SADAT POLICY AND CONVICTION THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT ENTER WAR AGAINST ISRAEL.

NOV 10 AL-BAATH REPORTED THAT KHADDAM SPOKE BEFORE IRANIAN DINNER GATHERING AND "REVEALED" THAT SYRIA REJECTED OFFER TO CONCLUDE SEPARATE GOLAN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD ABANDON PALESTINIANS AND OTHER ARAB PARTIES TO DISPUTE. HE STATED THAT MAIN RESULTS OF AGREEMENT WERE END TO ISRAELI ISOLATION, INCREASED POSSIBILITY OF AMERICAN INTERVENTION AND DISRUPTION OF UNIFIED ARAB RANKS.

SAME ISSUE AL-BAATH REITERATED EGYPTIAN IMPLEMENTATION OF "TRAITOROUS AGREEMENT IN DEFIANCE OF ALL ARAB RESOLUTIONS AND FEELINGS OF ARAB CITIZENS."

NOV 10 MORNING RADIO BROADCAST DESCRIBED DELEGATION OF AMERICAN TECHNICIANS ARRIVING IN CAIRO AS "ESPIONAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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TEAM."

PRESS REPORTED THAT FORMER AL-AHRAM EDITOR HAYKAL UNDER HOUSE ARREST.

4. COMMENTARY

AL-THAWRAH EDITOR ALI SULAYMAN IN NOV 4 ISSUE REMARKED THAT "SINAI AGREEMENT WILL REMAIN PERPLEXING ACTION BECAUSE IT CONFLICTS WITH RESULTS OF OCT WAR."

COLUMNIST IN NOV 8 AL-THAWRAH CHARACTERIZED SADAT AS "NEW TROJAN HORSE IN AREA TRYING TO UPSET ESTABLISHED POLITICAL CONCEPTS AND REAP RESULTS OF OCT WAR FOR BENEFIT OF ENEMIES OF ARABS."

YUNIS HAYDAR WROTE THAT EGYPT CONTINUES TO
BE ALLY OF AMERICA EVEN THOUGH LATTER ONLY AIDS
ISRAEL AND REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS.
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